REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present

application. Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 - 31 are amended.

Claims 1, 17, and 31 are independent claims.

Wrong Claims

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner acted on an incorrect set of claims when

Examining the present application. Applicants letter of January 6, 2006 included a new set of

claims attached to the Preliminary Examination Report as allowed under Article 19. Applicants'

Representative spoke with Examiner on July 10, 2008 and confirmed that the Examiner acted on

the originally filed PCT claims, and not the Article 19 claims, in the Office Action of January 29,

2008. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all currently pending rejections are moot

and that the Office Action is improper.

Amendments

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above-listed claim amendments as a matter of

right because there has not been a substantive action on the merits issued on the claims pending

in the present application. Applicants further respectfully request a new non-final Office Action

based on the above-amended claims.

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Conclusion

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the

claims, but to merely show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in

condition for allowance. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the

outstanding rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

However, should the Examiner believe that any outstanding matters remain in the present

application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' representative, Naphtali Matlis

(Reg. No. 61,592) at the telephone number of the undersigned in order to discuss the application

and expedite prosecution.

Dated: July 28, 2008

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